

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

1-38. (cancelled)

39. (Original) A method comprising:

positioning a collapsible bag within the chamber of a bin, the bag having a port projecting therefrom;

positioning the port of the bag within an opening extending through a floor of the bin; and

mounting a select retention plate to the bin after the bag is within the chamber so that the select retention plate covers at least a portion of the opening extending through the floor of the bin, the select retention plate at least partially bounding a porthole which comprises a portion of the opening in the floor, the port being disposed within the porthole.

40. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, further comprising mounting the select retention plate to the bin prior to positioning the port within the porthole.

41. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, further comprising mounting a first retention plate to the bin prior to mounting the select retention plate, the porthole being bounded between the first retention plate and the select retention plate.

42. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, wherein the act of mounting the select retention plate comprises choosing the select retention plate from a plurality of retention plates, each of the plurality of retention plates having a different configuration.

43. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, further comprising passing a first end of a fluid line through the opening in the floor of the bin prior to mounting the select retention plate to the bin, the fluid line having a second end fluid coupled with the port of the bag.

44. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, further comprising dispensing a fluid into the bag when the bag is disposed within the chamber of the bin.

45. (Original) A method as recited in claim 44, further comprising upwardly suspending the bag within the chamber of the bin while the fluid is dispensed into the bag.

46. (Original) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the act of positioning the collapsible bag within the chamber of the bin comprises inserting the bag into the chamber through a doorway formed on a side wall of the bin, the doorway being selectively closed by a door.

47. (Original) A method comprising:

positioning a bag assembly within a chamber of a bin, the bag assembly comprising a collapsible bag and a fluid line, the fluid line having a first end fluid coupled with the bag and an opposing second end;

passing the second end of the fluid line through an opening extending through a floor of the bin; and

mounting a select retention plate to the bin so that the select retention plate covers at least a portion of the opening extending through the floor of the bin, the select retention plate at least partially bounding a porthole which comprises a portion of the opening in the floor.

48. (Original) A method as recited in claim 47, further comprising mounting a first retention plate to the bin prior to mounting the select retention plate, the porthole being bounded between the first retention plate and the select retention plate.

49. (Original) A method as recited in claim 47, wherein the act of mounting the select retention plate comprises choosing the select retention plate from a plurality of retention plates, each of the plurality of retention plates having a different configuration.

50. (Original) A method as recited in claim 47, further comprising dispensing a fluid into the bag when the bag is disposed within the chamber of the bin.

51. (Original) A method as recited in claim 50, further comprising upwardly suspending the bag within the chamber of the bin while the fluid is dispensed into the bag.

52. (Original) A method as recited in claim 47, wherein the act of positioning the bag assembly within the chamber of the bin comprises inserting the bag assembly into the chamber through a doorway formed on a side wall of the bin, the doorway being selectively closed by a door.

53. (Original) A method comprising:

positioning a collapsible bag of a bag assembly within a chamber of a bin, the bag assembly further comprising a fluid line having a first end fluid coupled with the bag and an opposing second end;

passing a section of the fluid line through a slot formed on the bin such that the second end of the fluid line is disposed outside of the chamber, the slot being in communication with the chamber of the bin and extending from a doorway formed on a side wall of the bin to a floor of the bin; and

mounting a retention plate to the bin so that the retention plate covers at least a portion of the slot.

54. (Original) A method as recited in claim 53, wherein the slot extends through a portion of the floor, the act of mounting the retention plate comprising mounting the retention plate to the floor.

55. (Original) A method as recited in claim 53, wherein the act of positioning the bag within the chamber of the bin comprises inserting the bag into the chamber through the doorway formed on the side wall of the bin, the doorway being selectively closed by a door.